

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Parsons Parcel Horse Pasture

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Issue a Temporary Use Permit for the Columbia Stage Coach concessionaire to pasture up to four horses for current use on an approximately 8-acre parcel northwest of Main and Pacific Streets in Columbia State Historic Park, known historically as Parsons parcel. The concessionaire will be required to install a fence around an enclosure area and on the eastern part of the parcel where a north-south stream channel/ditch and stone wall remnant are present, to gate the west entrance on Gold Street and use it as the sole vehicle access point, repair and maintain all fencing, remove manure and abate flies in an environmentally safe way, and provide daily supplemental feed and water on the high and dry southwest corner only. The area will be monitored by DPR staff and the agreement rescinded if necessary to avoid or minimize damage to natural and cultural resources.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section:)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 3, 4, 5 Section: 15303, 15304, 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of installation of fencing and minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, in conjunction with minor alterations in land use limitations (included in the DPR list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15330.4).

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